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WESLEY CHAPEL--IN GLADE HILL COMMUNITY

The first church services in this community were held in the old Glade Hill school house. this class was organized by Harvey Curry, William Cooper and James F. Patterson and was an appointment on the Greenbank circuit as early as 1873. There are no older records to tell how long before. The oldest class book available give the Glade Hill class as follows:

Date admitted-----Name-----

1873

J. Harvey Curry, Margaret Maupin,
James F. Patterson , Joseph Cooper,
Rachel Patterson, Mary E. Cooper,
Margaret Hudson, Elizabeth Nottingham,
Rachel Nottingham, Caroline Nottingham,
Virginia Galford, Sarah Arbogast,
Naomi Galford
Elizabeth Galford
Andrew Kerr
Elisa V. Kerr
Nennie Kerr
Caroline Kerr
Malinda Cooper
Harriet Gump

1873

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1876

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Elizabeth Mays, Samuel Phillips,
Mary Phillips, George Kerr,
Perry Mays, Harvey Nottingham,
Dollie Bell Gump, Margaret Nottingham,
Alice L. Okers, James Curry, Jr.

date admitted ----- name

1876

" Sherman Sutton, Samuel Kerr,
 " William A. Wooddell, John W. Sheets,
 " Mary E. Nottingham, Alice Maupin,
 " Julia Nottingham, Benj. A. Doyle,
 " George Cooper, William Taylor,
 " Rhoda Mays, Georgia Gurn, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 " Elizabeth Taylor, Thomas Maupin,
 " John L. Hudson, Maggie V. Hudson,
 " Mary Hall, Mennie Taylor,
 " Peter Carpenter, Sallie Carpenter,
 " Sallie Patterson, Arabella Nottingham
 " Louise Cooper, Ella Kerr,
 " George McLaughlin, Addison Nottingham,
 " Virgie Nottingham, Jennie McLaughlin,
 " Margaret Tracy, C. M. Sutton

A. Harvey Curry was class leader of this Glade Hill class,
 and James F. Patterson was the first superintendent.

After the Dunmore church was built many of these members
 who lived nearer Dunmore were transferred to that church, and
 church services were held in the old Oak Grove school house
 which was nearer to the members that were left. It served as a
 community center until the Wesley Chapel Church was built. Preaching
 Sunday School and singing was conducted under the auspices of
 the M. A. Church, South.

On February 17, 1894 a meeting was held at the Oak Grove
 school house for the purpose of appointing a building committee
 to go ahead with plans for the building of a church. The members
 appointed were Warwick S. Hudson, Pres., Asbury Sheets, Treas.,

James S. Patterson, Sec. and W. W. Galford and Harry L. Taylor. On March 16, 1895 this committee met for the purpose of selecting a name for the church. James S. Patterson suggested that they call it Wesley Chapel in memory of John Wesley, so the name was chosen.

The church was built by John Noel, a son by the name of Wade and the seats were made by James S. Patterson.

It was dedicated in September 1897 by Rev. V. Wheeler. His text was taken from John 13:1 "Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." Rev. J. D. Martin was Presiding Elder and Rev. J. M. Davy preacher in charge.

At the present there are 180 members in this church, but like most churches only a few working members.

The present trustees are J. A. Sheets, A. A. Hudson, and S. H. Elliot.

The Stewards are S. H. Elliot, Everett A. Sheets, A. A. Hudson and John Matheny.

S. H. Elliot is the Sunday school Supt. also one of the teachers. Other teachers and workers are J. A. Sheets, Mrs. J. A. Sheets, and Mrs. Ray Dorman.

The Women's Society Christian Service is united with that of the Greenbank church with Mrs. Quade M. Arbogast as Pres. Mrs. Arbogast is the ministers wife.

There are only two of the old original members now still living.

Others who belonged to the Wesley Chapel in the beginning are: Mary Galford, Virgie Cackley, Lillie J. Oliver, Jennie McLaughlin, Margaret Tracy, Elizabeth Galford, Gatewood Sutton, John A. Galford, Victoria Taylor, Lillie J. Alderman, Mary Hudson, Julia Lockridge, Annie Kerr, Ada Galford, Henrietta Nottingham, J. A. Patterson, S. W. Hoover, Lucy Hoover, William J. Moore, Juanita Moore, Malinda Ray, Florence Tracy,

Sarah Sharp, Charles Guss, Virginia Taylor, Henry Taylor,
 George W. Taylor, W. M. Hoover, James Taylor, Bertie
 Arbogast, Cecelia Kellison, W. W. Galford, Morgan Curry,
 Alice Kelley, Adam Wooddell, J. Asbury Sheets, Jane A. Sheets,
 Minnie Curry, Frank Curry, Mattie Hudson, Ethel Hudson,
 Leola L. Patterson, Mattie Cooper, Snowden Cooper, Walter
 Cooper, Vivian Cooper, Minnie Sheets, Nancy Galford,
 Henry Sheets, Henry Arbogast, and Charles Hoover.

The deed for the land was given 29 April 19, 1896 by
 Henry L. Taylor and Mary V. Taylor, his wife, to J. Asbury
 Sheets, James F. Patterson, Henry L. Taylor, W. W. Galford
 and W. B. Hudson trustees, one acre of land upon which there
 shall be erected a place of worship for the ministers and mem-
 bers of the M. A. Church, South. Remainder of lot to be used
 as a cemetery as a burial ground for the use of the members
 neighborhood worshipping at said church, subject to the control
 and such rules and regulations in the relation to the burial
 of the dead as may be adopted by a majority of the aforesaid
 trustees.

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Mrs. Bess Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Sheets

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